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**FIRE INQUIRY
NEEDED**

HONGKONG has seen some spectacular fires in its lifetime. History books record the blaze that incinerated 172 Chinese houses in the Bonham-strand area in 1851. Then there was the fire which destroyed the Roman Catholic Church in Wellington-street eight years later. And there was the gun-powder ship which blew up at Stonecutters Island killing 40 coolies in 1867.

In 1918, there was the Happy Valley holocaust in which hundreds died in the blazing inferno of a matched grandstand during a Derby Day race meeting. And eight years ago many recall that Christmas night horror in Kowloon when a huge squatter area was reduced to ashes and 50,000 were made homeless.

YESTERDAY'S blaze at the exhibition ground may compare with none of these in magnitude or suffering. But let no one delude himself. Had the fire occurred on a Saturday night with the milling crowds jamming the maze of narrow alleys that wind between the stalls, today's headlines would have read differently and Hongkong would have had a terrible tragedy to lament. Indeed that none perished and that the hundreds inside the exhibition area escaped unscathed was nothing short of a miracle.

The speed with which the Fire Brigade and the Navy reached the scene of the blaze and tackled the burning stalls deserves highest credit. Any delay could have been catastrophic. But the matter cannot end there. The cause of the fire is reported to be an electrical fault. It will be recalled that a neon-lit tower caught fire a few years ago when the exhibition site was in Kowloon, and the ground had to be temporarily closed.

There is indeed always this danger of faulty electrical wiring where neon and other lighting is extensively used and where the stalls are rapidly assembled. And the fire danger becomes obvious when it is realised that the materials used in these temporary structures consist largely of painted wooden panels and paper board, and the display items of inflammable fibres and plastics.

THE question that must be asked is how thoroughly were the electrical fittings checked? The answer seems to be not thoroughly enough. If there is to be another exhibition the public will need to be assured that every stall has been carefully examined. An added insurance would be the installation of an automatic sprinkler system. Clearly the presence of a small fire appliance and a few extinguishers was completely inadequate. Finally, we urge that a public inquiry be held to pin down the exact cause and responsibility, to survey the precautions taken and to recommend essential safeguards for the future, including the need for a more spacious area, a less congested lay-out for the stalls and many more exits. This is one occasion when the public escaped lightly. But unless steps are taken to remedy defects and shortcomings, this may happen again. And with far more disastrous consequences.

Officials survey damage of yesterday's fire THE EXHIBITION WILL GO ON

Investigation into cause of the blaze

The Chinese Manufacturers Association will resume the 19th Exhibition of Hongkong Products "as soon as possible" after repairing the damage caused by yesterday's fire.

Mr Charles Chu, Secretary of the Association, said this morning that a party of CMA officials were accompanying officers of the Fire Services Department and a representative of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd on a survey of the site this morning.

It is understood that the Association will be able to resume the exhibition by the end of the week.

Electric Co. Ltd. told the China Mail this morning: "I don't believe the fire was caused by an electric short circuit."

"The wiring conforms to the highest standard of requirements under the Electricity Supply Ordinance."

As an example of the great care his company had taken in supplying electricity to the Exhibition grounds, he cited one illumination arch on the site which was not supplied with electricity "because it had no capacitor."

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INGRID'S DAUGHTER SUES FOR DIVORCE



JENNY

San Francisco, Dec. 7. Jenny Lindstrom Callaway, daughter of film star Ingrid Bergman, today filed suit for divorce against Fuller E. Callaway III, wealthy heir to a Georgia textile fortune. She charged extreme cruelty.

Mrs Callaway, 22, and her husband, 28, eloped to Nevada on February 21, 1960, while she was a student at Mills College.—UPI.

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'No nationalisation' MP brings up question of HK's power companies again

London, Dec. 7. Mr Hugh Fraser, Colonial Under-Secretary, today refused to order the Government of Hongkong to take the Colony's two electricity supply companies into public ownership.

Mr Ernest Thornton, a Labour Member, put the following question to him in the House of Commons:

"Will you now direct the Government of Hongkong to implement the main recommendation of the Electricity Supply Commission's report, dated December 1959, to take into public ownership the two electricity supply companies in the Colony?"

Mr Fraser replied: "No, sir." Mr Thornton: "Are you aware that the electricity companies made it quite clear to the Commission that there was a halfway house between public ownership and unfettered private ownership?"

"Does not the well-known doctrine of dislike of nationalisation put the private electricity power companies in a very strong bargaining position?"

Mr Fraser replied that he had full confidence in the way the Government was handling this matter.

He added that the restriction on the distribution of dividends had had a good effect in that the money had been diverted to the development and improvement of the electricity services.—Reuter.

(See P. 2)

U.N. requests Britain to supply bombs for Congo

London, Dec. 7. Britain has received a request from the United Nations for the supply of bombs to United Nations aircraft in the Congo.

This was revealed tonight by a Foreign Office spokesman.

He had been asked about a report in the Daily Mail that Britain is under strong pressure to supply the bombs to Indian-operated Canberra jets for United Nations action.

He added: "The request is under study."

The newspaper report said the request, "kept secret all week, threatens not only to widen the split with the Americans over the action in Katanga, but to divide the Commonwealth—India on one side, the Rhodesian Federation on the other."

The newspaper's correspondent added that Britain's decision was deliberately delayed while the Government tried to get further information.

The United Nations requirement was so urgent that the Americans were approached for help instead.

Free hand

The U.S. Government "gave the United Nations a free hand to take whatever explosives they needed."

It was found, however, that U.S. Air Force bombs would not fit into Canberra bomb bays.

"So the request," continues the correspondent, "was swung back to Britain. But before he was prepared to answer, Lord Home wanted these questions answered."

"What are the bombs required for? How extensively will they be used? On whose authority will they be dropped?"

"A reply was received from U Thant on Thursday,"—Reuter.

(See also P. 3)

Lest we forget

Exactly 20 years ago today planes and troops of the Japanese Imperial forces attacked Hongkong.

At 8 am on December 8, 1941, Japanese fighters and bombers swept over Kowloon, stranding and bombing Kai Tak Airport. The handful of RAF aircraft based there were destroyed on the ground.

At the same time, Japanese troops crossed the frontier from China and started their push southwards across the New Territories.

After a gallant struggle that lasted until Christmas Day, Hongkong surrendered.

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LUTULI LANDS

Oso, Dec. 7. Ex-chief Albert Lutuli arrived here by air tonight with his wife from South Africa to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Despite the bitter weather more than 100 Norwegians gathered at the airport to greet Mr Lutuli.—Reuter.

Willing mediators

London, Dec. 7. British official quarters said tonight they would be willing to mediate in the Indian-Portuguese dispute over Goa "if both parties so requested."

But it was reliably understood that the British Government has no intention of taking the initiative.—UPI.

Double murder

Belton, Texas, Dec. 7. A jilted suitor shot to death a 20-year-old student today, killed her mother, and then took his own life.—AP.

MORE SURPRISED

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The newspaper Asahi Shimbun said today that Japan's Pearl Harbour attack on December 7, 1941, was a greater surprise to Japan than to American and British people.—AP.

Attlee improved

Amersham, Dec. 7. Earl Attlee, 70-year-old former Labour Prime Minister, was stated to be "slightly improved" this afternoon, about 12 hours after he had a heart attack.—Reuter.

Typhoon Ellen off Manila

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The U.S. Air Force weather office here today located Typhoon Ellen, intensified from an unseasonal tropical storm, about 449 miles east southeast of Manila.

The Typhoon was moving west northwest at ten miles per hour.

Typhoon Ellen was expected to be about 276 miles east southeast of Manila tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

Harold Lloyd ill

Beverly Hills, Dec. 7. Harold Lloyd, famous bespectacled comedian of silent films, is ill.

Lloyd, 68, was stricken last month with a painful case of shingles, a disorder of the nervous system. Mrs Lloyd said she hoped he would be up and able to resume his regular schedule in three or four weeks.—UPI.

Alexandra to visit Greece

London, Dec. 7. Princess Alexandra, who arrives home in England on Monday after her 30,000-mile Far East tour, is to visit Athens with her mother, Princess Marina, a Kensington Palace announcement said today.

Princess Alexandra and her mother will be in Athens for a few days as guests of King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece, and will join in the King's 60th birthday celebrations.

During their visit to Athens the Duchess and the Princess will also attend the engagement party for Princess Sophia, 22, King Paul and Queen Frederika's daughter, and Don Juan Carlos, 23, pretender to the Spanish Throne.

A London evening paper tonight speculated that this party will be an opportunity for the Princess to tell her mother's relatives of her impending engagement.

Without suggesting whom she may marry, the Evening News said close friends believed the engagement might be officially announced at Christmas, when the Princess has her 26th birthday.—Reuter.

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FESTIVE AIR

Dar-Es-Salaam, Dec. 7.

Heads of government, special ambassadors and foreign ministers from all parts of the world were streaming into this gaily decorated city today by every available plane for Tanganyika's independence celebrations.

At midnight tomorrow (Friday-Saturday), rockets, sirens and church bells will signal the end of 42-years of British administration. The Union Jack will be lowered from flagpoles and replaced by the red-black-gold flag of Tanganyika, the 29th African state to achieve independence.

Every hotel and lodging-house in Dar-Es-Salaam is packed. The city has taken on a festive air with the official start of the celebrations today.

This former colony of German East Africa which Britain has administered since the Versailles Treaty of 1919, is a showcase of British colonial policy.

Under the leadership of Mr. Julius Nyerere and his Tanganyika African National Union Party, the country has achieved an unusually rapid constitutional advance without conflict. In three years it has passed from colonial-style government through internal self-government to full independence. Reuter

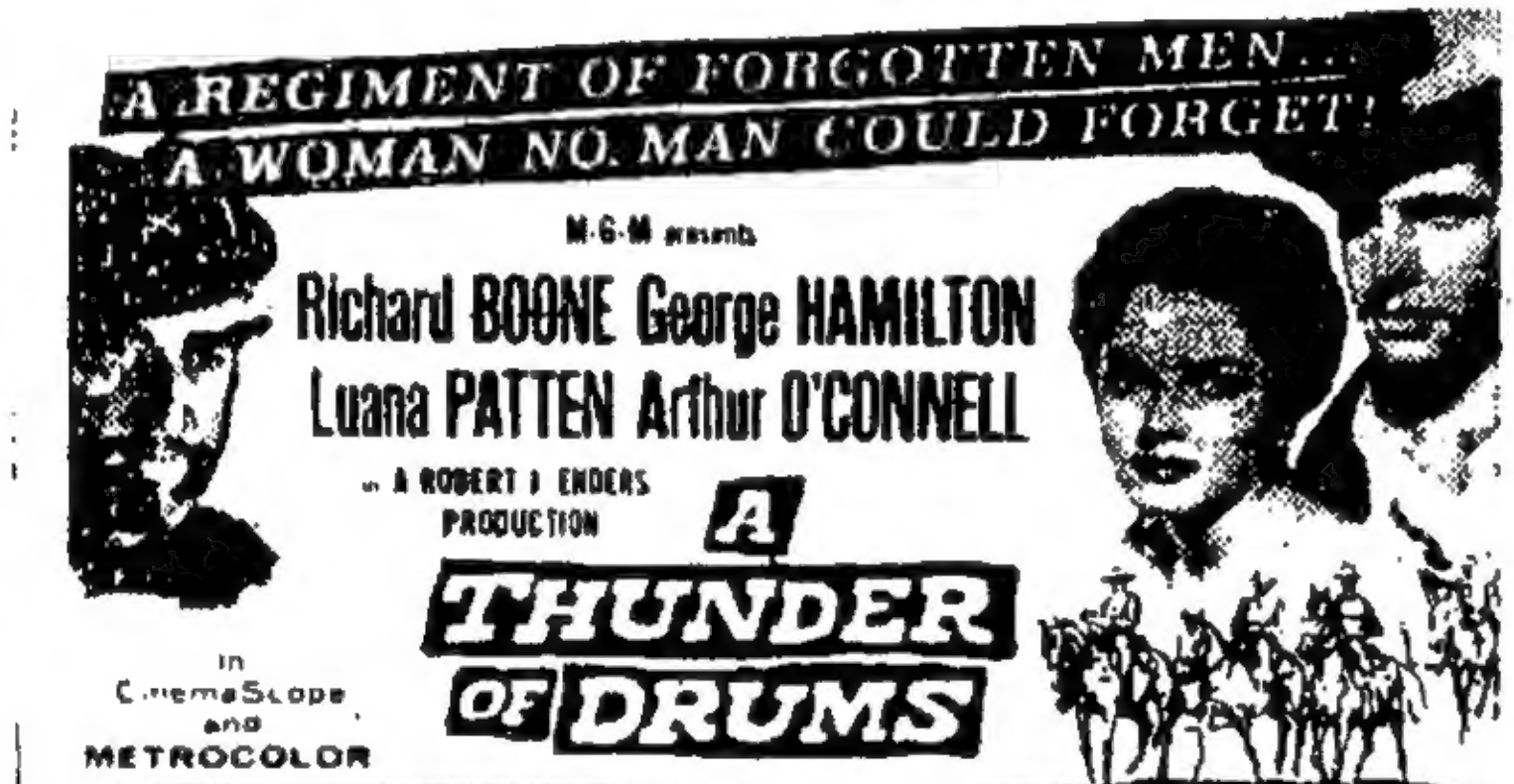
German Consul
leaving HK

Dr. Hans H. Schirmer, the outgoing Consul-General of the Federal German Republic in Hongkong, and Mrs. Schirmer are scheduled to leave for Germany aboard the motor vessel Hamburg on December 23, according to a spokesman of the Consulate today.

Dr. Schirmer, who is being succeeded here by Dr. Franz Joseph Bach, is being transferred to a home post at the German Foreign Office.

Dr. Bach, the newly appointed Consul-General, is scheduled to arrive in the Colony by the vessel Hannover on or around December 29.

Dr. Bach is one of the co-founders of the Christian Democratic Union having been associated with it since the first month after the end of the last war.

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Russian bid
to revive
the dead

London, Dec. 7.
Soviet scientists today began a conference in Moscow on techniques for bringing the dead back to life.

Tass news agency said it was attended by nearly 500 scientists from different parts of the Soviet Union and other Communist nations.

The meeting was called "the second all-union conference on the problems of reanimatology."

Tass said that during the past two years, 238 out of 456 adult patients in Moscow were brought back to life after being clinically pronounced dead. With animals, the dispatch said, Soviet scientists have shown how to bring an organism back to life two hours after clinical death.—AP.

Ammunition

A quantity of ammunition for revolvers and automatic pistols found at the demolition site at 61, Wolganeichong road on November 19 was ordered confiscated by a magistrate this morning.

Sunday concert

The band of the 15/21 Lancers will give an open air concert at the Macpherson Playground in Kowloon on Sunday from 2 pm to 5 pm provided the weather is favourable.

Kowloon sewers

About 900 feet of sewer of 66 inches in diameter are to be laid from Salisbury-road in the Tsimshatsui area of Kowloon to the Hunghom reclamation near Holt's Wharf to form part of the Kowloon South sewerage scheme.

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VICTORIA'S
PREMIER IN
A MINOR
SENSATION

Melbourne, Dec. 7.
Victoria's forceful Premier, Mr. Henry Bolte, has caused a minor sensation by dancing with a waitress at a Christmas dinner for members of State Parliament on Tuesday night.

The Labour member for Williamstown, Mr. W. L. Floyd, said last night that he would resign from the House Committee of Parliament in protest.

Mr. Floyd last night told the Legislative Assembly that the premier had publicly discredited the House Committee and he predicted that other members of the 12-man committee would also resign in protest.

Tuesday night waitresses reminded several other members of Parliament who wanted to dance that it was against the rules.

Mr. Bolte then left the Parliament house dining room and went upstairs to the staff dining room, donned a white waiter's coat, and served drinks to members of Parliament's staff. Several ministers followed him in.

'Just as proud'

Mr. Floyd said the Premier had broken two House Committee rules, he said. "It makes me sure when rules and regulations are drawn up by the committee to conduct the affairs of this house in a proper manner and persons whom we expect more of, see fit to throw mud in the committee's face and break the rules."

Mr. Bolte said today: "I have had the honour of dancing with the Queen Mother and Princess Alexandra, but I was just as proud to dance with the waitresses Agnes at the Parliamentary members' Christmas dinner."

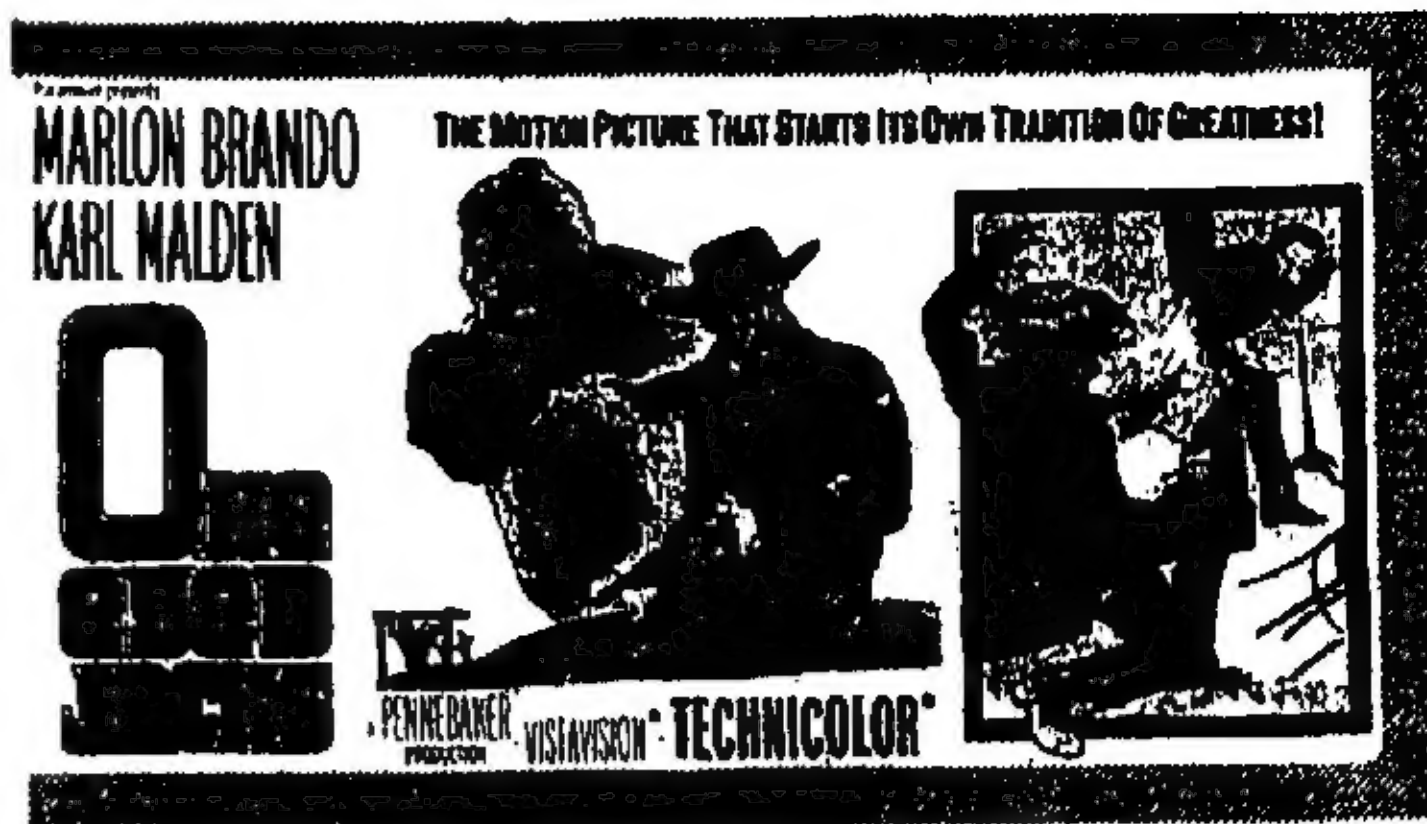
"I don't think I should behave and I'd dance with any member of the house staff if they would partner me."

Mr. Bolte is 53 and leader of the Liberals which is equivalent to the Conservative Party in British politics.—China Mail Special.

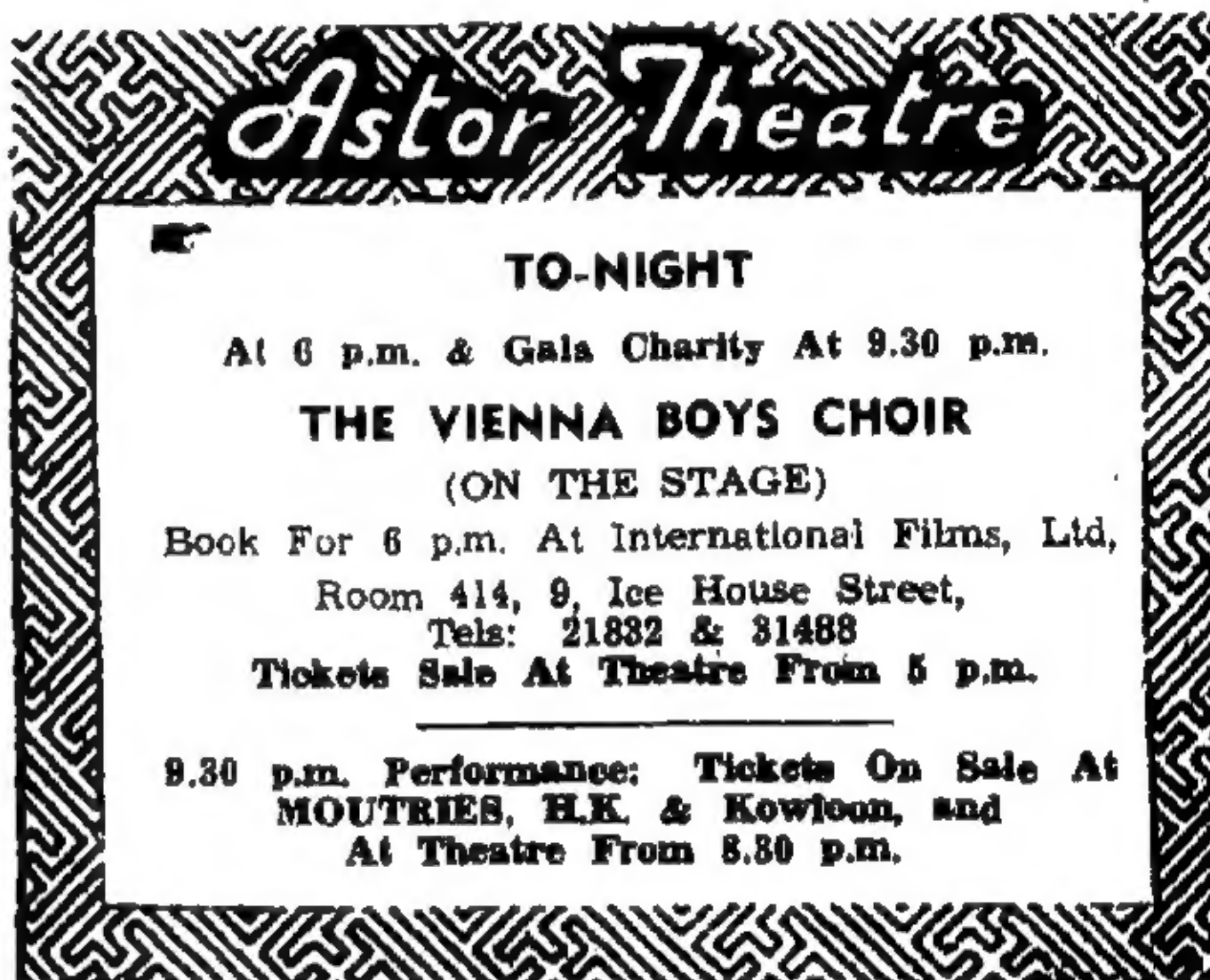
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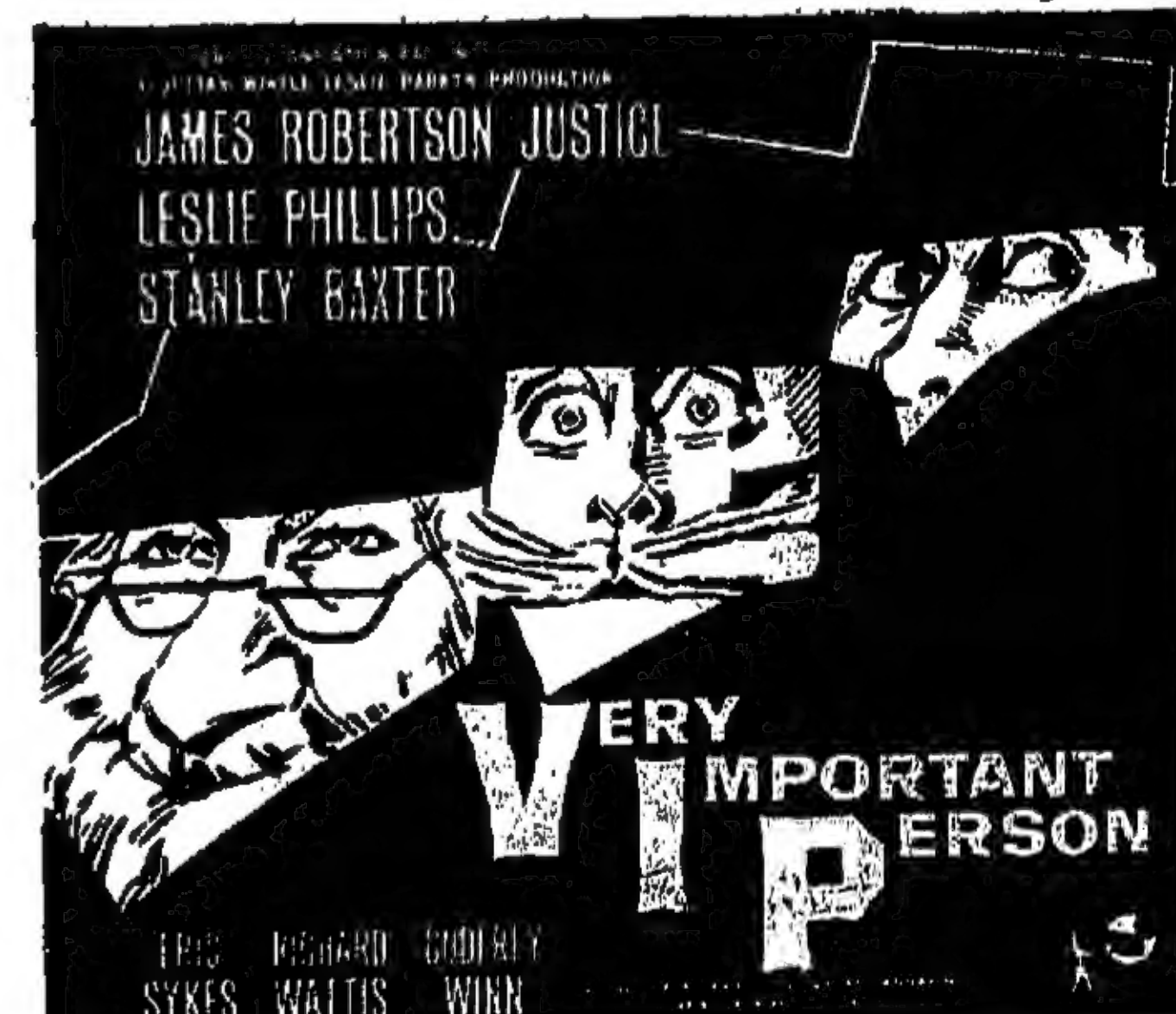
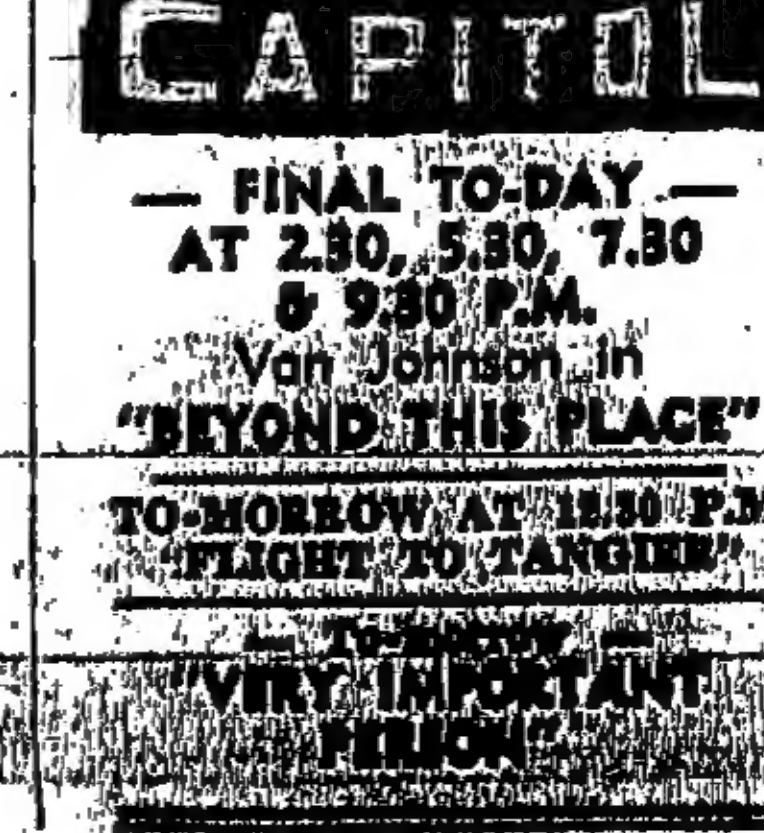
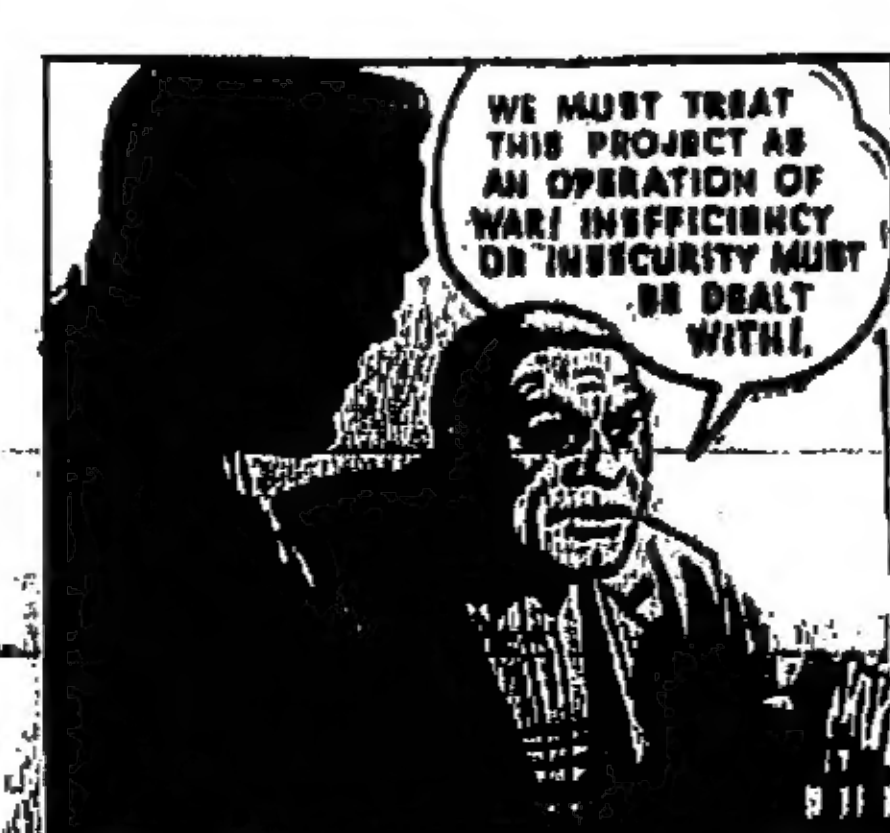
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TODAY'S picture is of a dress which is absolutely bang on the fashion nail. It's the Shape of the Year. It's the dress every woman wants. But where is it?

Well it's not in Hong-kong for a start.

I know, I have looked.

If you have been following the current fashion trends, you will know that skirts are now short and pretty with either a flare at the hem or a swing of pleats. It's a loose line, but one which also manages to be both

LONG semi-fitting body line
LOW outward flare of pleats
EFFECT: supremely simple elegance

picture by JOHN FRENCH

casual and elegant at the same time.

Pictures with this understated look have been coming in from London for months now.

I set out the other day shopping with a dress in mind. It

was the result of looking at fashion since early this year and I knew what I wanted.

A semi-fitting, long body-line with a low flare to the skirt. Short sleeves and a plain neck. To be made of wool or maybe Acrylic and wool, and in a pretty colour.

Conducting a one woman survey as it were, around the dress shops in Hong-kong, I was looking not only for myself, but for you as well.

I might just as well have been in search of the Yeti.

Looking through the racks of clothes in a newly opened shop in Queen's-road, I had just got hold of something that might have had a flare to it—only to have it forcibly snatched out of

BUT DO YOU THINK
I COULD FIND IT
IN DARKEST HONGKONG?

The next shop had obviously never even heard of a flare.

I pressed on and eventually, many shops later, weary and disillusioned, I bought a tweed skirt in desperation. It wasn't at all what I had intended to buy—but at least it had THE FLARE.

By the time dresses like those are in the shops here, the original freshness and desire to buy has worn fairly thin.

So there is the result of my survey—no flare.

Once more Hongkong is going to miss out, and the old story of this year, next year, sometime, never applies yet again.

By the time dresses like those are in the shops here, the original freshness and desire to buy has worn fairly thin.

Why is it almost impossible to buy anything which is all at once, smart, fashionable, and inexpensive in Hongkong?

Why was the only thing in a pricey shop in Des Voeux-road that I chose to try on as being even vaguely smart, marked up at \$365? A plain wool over-blouse top with a pleated skirt. I for one resent paying £23 for a garment which in London would cost me £6 or less. Does it cost £17 to import one dress?

WHERE are the little nothing dresses which flood the shops elsewhere in the world?

A must

If you want a ready made dress here, you pay through the nose for something way behind the times, and ten to one you are only buying it because you must have something, you are tired of trudging round and its the only thing in the shop that fits.

WHOSE fault is it? The answer to that one is that it's the fault of the buyers. The actual translation of the wholesale fashions to the shops is through the buyers.

My sockerpo is to the buyers then, and to the stores who cash in on clothes and never catch up on fashion.

TO PREPARE: Cook the chicory and put it to drain. When all the water is out, roll each piece in a slice of ham; then put the pieces in a buttered oven dish and cover the whole thing with a thick cheese sauce.

Sprinkle the top generously with grated cheese and put it in a hot oven to brown. Serve at once.

London Express Service.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch's Friend

—Shadows Learn Why He's Always On The Move—

By MAX TRELL

"I JUST had a telephone call from him," Mr. Punch said to Knarl and Hand, the Shadow Children with the Thin Red Arrows.

They had just asked about Mr. Punch's old friend Sergeant Snow, who had been seen in the shadows of the old house.

Stood on guard

During the early part of the winter he had stood on guard in an empty lot in the neighbourhood.

He was large and broad and strong and solid. He had stripes on his arm, which showed he was a sergeant, and a sword on his chest, which showed he was brave. He stood very straight, which was the way a Soldier and even you else for that matter, should always stand.

He was kind. He wasn't afraid. And he smiled at every body.

The only thing Sergeant Snow, the Snowman, didn't do was talk, except to Mr. Punch, who was a very particular friend of his. No one ever saw him actually talking to Mr. Punch, but Mr. Punch said he did.

Called on telephone

Mr. Punch said he got a call from him on the telephone. It was a private telephone hidden behind the back of the bookcase and when it rang, made a sound like a clock striking 12 o'clock in some body else's house.

"And he told me," Mr. Punch went on, "that he was moving again."

"That Sergeant," said Knarl. "He's always moving."

"He can't help it," added Mr. Punch.

Then Mr. Punch said that he didn't know whether Knarl and Hand knew why Sergeant Snow was always on the move—never staying very long in one place—always moving on.

He said it was because of two things.

First reason

One of the things was his love for his friends. He couldn't bear not to visit them at least once a year, generally in mid-winter. So he went from place to place, from town to town, visiting.

"And what is the second reason the Sergeant is always on the move?" Hand asked Mr. Punch.

Mr. Punch smiled.

"The second reason is the weather," he said. "He doesn't mind a bit of sunshine now and then. But he can't stand a really fine warm sunny day."

"No, sir," said Mr. Punch. "There's nothing like fine weather to make Sergeant Snow run. You look for him and you rub your eyes. He just isn't there any more!"

Left last month

"He left our lot about a month ago," Knarl said. "Where did he go after that?"

"In the past month," said Mr. Punch, "the Sergeant moved around the whole country. While he was going this, Mr. Punch took a little black notebook out of his pocket and looked in it."

"After leaving the empty lot in this street," Mr. Punch went on, "the Sergeant went to Cleveland where he stood in the

back yard of a friend of his, a small girl named Nancy. He stayed there seven days. Then the weather got warm and he ran off in quite a hurry."

"I bet he went to the North Pole," said Knarl.

"No," said Mr. Punch. "He didn't have to. Not yet. It was still pretty cold in Indiana. By that's where he turned up next."

He had a friend named Jerry, a small boy with glasses, whom he liked very much. He stood by the side of Jerry's front door for about a week. Then away he went."

"Warm weather," again," asked Hand.

Mr. Punch chuckled. "A beautiful spring-like day. Every body in Indiana was happy except the Sergeant and his friend Jerry, too."

Mr. Punch turned over several pages of his little black book.

Way down south

"In the next five days," the Sergeant moved in and out of five different places. From Indiana he went to Wyoming, and from Wyoming he went to Colorado, and from Colorado he ran all the way up to Alaska, then from Alaska he suddenly went down to a little town in the back of Arkansas."

"Mr. Punch!" cried Hand. "That's way down south where it's warm!"

"It was a cold snap," replied Mr. Punch. "He had several friends down there, whom he hadn't seen for years, and years. Most of them were all grown up and with children of their own, although they were all children themselves. When the Sergeant first knew them, he only stayed overnight."

Stayed there

"He ran again, faster than ever. He ran and didn't stop until he reached an island in the middle of the St. Lawrence River where a light-house-keeper lived with his wife and five children."

"He liked it there so much—and they all liked the Sergeant so much—and the weather was so good—or so bad, however you look at it—that he stayed there for the rest of the month."

Mr. Punch shut the little black book and put it back in his pocket.

"And now he just called to say that he was moving on again," Mr. Punch said. "The weather was turning warm."

"Where is he going now?" Knarl asked.

Waiting for call

"I don't know. I'm waiting for another telephone call. I'm."

At that moment there was a sound like a clock striking in somebody else's house.

"Pardon me," said Mr. Punch, and he went behind the bookcase.

"Oh! The South Pole!" Knarl and Hand heard him saying. "Well, that's quite a jump. You know, across Penguins down there? Good luck, Sergeant! We'll see you next winter! Bye now!"

Then Knarl and Hand looked at each other and smiled and shouted:

"Good-bye from us, too!"

JACOBY on BRIDGE

SOUTH hasn't much of an opening bid when you look at his high cards only. But in practice, his fourth hand spade bid is eminently correct.

To start with he has spades and since neither opponent could open the bidding unlikely that they will be able to go far against that most important suit.

Then, if they do start to compete and North decides to double then South has two aces which will represent two defensive tricks against them.

North's jump to three spades is not a force. When we come to the discussion of responding to third and fourth hand bids we will see that in all systems the jump to three shows from 11 to 13 points in support of

partner's opening and merely invites game, strongly.

Some players would pass three spades with the South hand on the theory that they did not really have an opening bid and should be satisfied with a profit.

Such players are penny wise and pound foolish. Once North jumps in spades the South hand moves way up in value and South should go on to game.

There is nothing to the play at four spades. South loses two diamonds and one heart. He can run two of his hearts in dummy. Actually, he is unlucky not to make five. Put

NORTH 17
K 10 6 5
9 2
K 3 2
A 8 8 4

WEST (D) 7 2
Q 10 8
Q 10 9 5
K Q J 7

EAST J
K J 7 6
A J 6 4
10 5 3 2

SOUTH A Q 9 8 4 3
A 5 4 3
8 7
6

East and West vulnerable
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 4
Pass 3 4 Pass 4 4
Pass Pass Pass 4 4
Opening lead—A K

the ace of diamonds in the West hand and he would.

Rupert and the Popweed—33



At Rupert's words the great Seaporter heitates and then slides back into the sea. The boy [sic] who has backed away gingerly, is shaking with the scare he has had and is waiting for Rupert to join him when there is a loud call from the other side.

Two of the pirates have heard his first shout of light and are on their way towards them. "Here they are, Captain," shouts Rupert. "And two of them. Come down, don't you? What are you waiting for? Run! Run! Run!"

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HANDICAPS FOR FIFTH RACE MEETING

The following handicaps have been announced for the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Race Meeting to be held at the Valley on Saturday, Dec. 16:

RACE 1

Hyde Park Handicap Novices (1st Sec.) Class 5 & 6 Furlongs & 40 Yards. Bowdler (145), Buller (149), Castle Peak (152), City of Victoria (152), Flying Phoenix (143), Flying Speed (150), G-Man (149), Good Chance (145), Malayan Pet (146), Princess Pat (146), Trigo (141), Wilton (154) (12 Drawn).

RACE 2

Battersea Park Handicap (Class 5) 1 Mile—Clueful (150), Dragonfly (149), Fluke (147), Hammer Mill (137), Happy Number (146), Hyman (143), Justin (141), Main Attraction (144), Maud Mist (147), Miss Reading (145), Panacea (144), Splendid (153), Tamarlane (144), Viewpoint (143), 14 Entries.

RACE 3

Phoenix Park Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 5 & 6 Furlongs & 40 Yards. Healer Bond (150), Certified Cheque (152), Don Juan (153), Eve (149), Harmony II (148), Heart's Content (149), Never Too Late (149), Small Gnome (145), Well Balanced (146), Wet Paint (150) (10 Drawn).

RACE 4

Hyde Park Handicap Class 1 1 Mile 3 Furlongs 65 Yards. Hellespont (154), Honey Bird (151),

King's Parchment (146), Prince Valiant (140), Safety First (138), Sans Souci (150), Virtuous (134), Waltham (134) (8 Entries).

RACE 5

Hyde Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5 & 6 Furlongs & 40 Yards. (171), Sark (140), Dragon (140), (132), Eldon (145), Fourways (140), (124), W. (147), Genial (145), Golden Wedding (136), King Kong (152), Mercurio (144), Nightingale (152), Star Kingdom (140) (11 Drawn).

RACE 6

Tonwell Park Handicap Class 5 1 Mile 3 Furlongs & 40 Yards. Belinda (143), Dazzling Light (145), Fennella (151), Goldfinch (145), Malchuk (144), Nobel Prize (149), R. (146), Jangle Bell (146), Sun Ch (143), Superb (137), Tai Ping Shan (143), Top Speed (140) (10 Drawn).

RACE 7

Phoenix Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 5 & 6 Furlongs & 40 Yards. Arrowhead (149), Candy (150), Flanagan (140), H. F. (154), Jeannette P. (146), Jangle Bell (146), Sun Ch (143), Superb (137), Tai Ping Shan (143), Top Speed (140) (10 Drawn).

RACE 8

Hamilton Park Handicap Class 5 1 Mile 3 Furlongs & 40 Yards. From 2 Mile Post, All Happy (146), Bonny Boy (149), Bon Voyage (142), Green Valley (139), Humpty (146), King Solomon (152), Lala (142), Ocean Prize (151), Pink Diamond (150), Superb (146), Wing Hang (139), Yoon Woo (147) (12 Entries).

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Caldwell-Jofre fight confirmed

London, Dec. 7. Promoter Jack Solomons confirmed today that Ireland's John Caldwell and Brazilian Edie Jofre will meet for the "undisputed" bantamweight championship of the world in Sao Paulo on Jan. 18.

Caldwell is recognized as world champion in Europe and the Empire while Jofre is the NBA-recognized title.

The stubble-haired southpaw Irishman will fly to Sao Paulo on Dec. 27.

"This will give him three weeks to get acclimatised," Solomons said.

Caldwell is unbeaten in 25 fights; Jofre is also unbeaten.—UPI.

MCC TAKE ON NORTH ZONE TODAY

Jullundur, Dec. 7. V. M. Muddiah, the off-spinner who toured England in 1959, captained the North Zone side to meet MCC—the first touring cricket team to visit Jullundur tomorrow.

The North Zone team also includes another England tourist, bowler Surendra Nath, and Test batsman Vijay Mehra.

The MCC party, whose aircraft was diverted from the nearby Adampur Air Force landing strip to Amritsar, 50 miles away, were without Peter Richardson, John Murray, David Allen and Barry Knight. They were on their way to rest in Delhi.

The teams will be: North Zone—V. M. Muddiah, Vijay Mehra, Y. M. Chowdhury, Sen Gupta, Prem Bhatia, M. M. Sood, Gopal Singh, Harold Ghosh, Anil Khanna, Rajinder Pal, Surendra Nath, M. J. MCC—E. R. Dexter, M. J. K. Smith, R. W. Barber, K. Barrington, A. Brown, G. A. R. Lock, G. Millman, P. H. Parfitt, W. E. Russell, D. Smith, D. White.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Badminton Exhibition match by Wong Peng Soon, Queen's College, 8 pm.

However with the Fleet in port the Navy should be fielding a strong side and some indication of their ability should be seen when the RAF entertain HMS Bulwark at Kai Tak this afternoon.

The Combined Civilians will not be at full strength. Interport skipper Pat Gardner being unavailable and the team is as follows: S. Kadir (Prisons), V. Pedruco (Macraes), A. Capitule (Macraes), B. Valoma (Macraes), B. Silva (Recreio), R. Silva (Recreio), B. Carnell (KCC), O. K. Dallah (IRC), Z. Husain (Prisons), L. Sequeira (Macraes), L. Guterres (Recreio), Reserves: Santos (Recreio), Monteiro (Recreio), Tait (KCC), J. Capitule (Macraes). Umpire: P. Xavier.

Postponed

As Recreio will be visiting Macao on Sunday their First Division match with Macraes 'A' has been postponed leaving only three fixtures in this division.

In the first of these RAF are at home to KCC 'A' and will be hoping to repeat their 4-1 victory at KCC but if KCC are at full strength, then I fancy this one will be much closer. IRC 'A' lost their opening match of the season against Prisons at Stanley but should reverse the decision in the return match at Sookunpoo.

Nav Bharat 'A' are at home to Army 'A' but with both clubs using Sookunpoo as their home ground, ground advantage means nothing.

Nav Bharat have not had a very successful season to date and Army, having won the first match 2-1 are considered favourites to complete the double.

Recreio 'B's' Second Division match against HKFC has also been postponed and greatest interest in this division will be centred on the Army 'B' vs Macraes 'B' match. Macraes 'B' look all set for returning

to the First Division at the first attempt having only dropped one point this season but they will have to fight hard to earn both points this week.

Nav Bharat 'B' who won their last match after losing six in a row entertain Army 'C' and may collect one more point from this one.

Unblemished record
In the remaining fixture in this division KCC 'B' are home to Demons. Both teams have only won once this season but KCC 'B' should have the edge and win again.

Third Division Macraes 'C' are the only team in all three divisions with an unblemished record having won all their six matches to date. This includes a 3-1 win against University and they should repeat the performance this week.

In the Ladies' League to-morrow, Recreio, Gremlins 'A' and KCC should win against KGV 'C' and Gremlins 'B'.

The DGS vs St Georges match has been postponed to make way for the Combined Civilians vs Royal Navy match.

Fixtures

The fixtures for the weekend are:

TOMORROW
Ladies' League
Recreio vs KGV 'A' at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: A. Van der Sijpe, Y. Khan.
Gremlins 'A' vs KGV 'C' at Happy Valley, 2.30 pm. Umpires: S. Hewson, F. Roscoe.
Gremlins 'B' vs KCC at Happy Valley, 4 pm. Umpires: C. Blackburn, B. Mair.
Representative Match
Royal Navy vs Combined Civilians at King's Park, 4 pm. Umpire: P. Xavier.

SUNDAY
First Division
RAF vs KCC 'A' at Kai Tak, 10.30 am. Umpires: W. Matthews, Y. Khan.
IRC 'A' vs Prisons at Sookunpoo, 11.30 am. Umpires: K. Lall, M. Singh.
Nav Bharat 'A' vs Army 'A' at Sookunpoo, 4 pm. Umpires: P. Xavier, R. Brandt.
Second Division
KCC 'B' vs Demons at KCC, 9.45 am. Umpires: J. K. Fellows, Mr Taylor.
Army 'B' vs Macraes 'B' at Sookunpoo, 9.45 am. Umpires: A. Van der Sijpe, Mr Waddell.

Indians can make softball history this weekend

By OLLY VAS

No surprise results are expected this weekend at Tin Kwong-road as all the teams in the running for the various championships clash with the weaker sides.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 pm Johnny Chaves' Indians will be going after their third no-hitter in a row and if they can pull it off the Indians will make softball history. Since their opponents are the Austers the Indians might yet write their names in the record books.

Hard-hitting

In the last two games they trounced the Security Nine 25-0 and then the Antelopes 17-0 in a total of 12 innings of play. There is no doubt that the Indians will win tomorrow's game but the question is "Another no-hit, no-run game?"

The SCAA nine come up against the hard-hitting Saints in the game which follows, at around 4.00 pm. The Saints

have won four and lost one while it is just the opposite with SCAA. Not much guessing is needed here as to which side will triumph.

Sunday's opening game at 10.00 am sees the White Sox pitted against the New Asia. With one and two defeats chalked up against them respectively neither side can afford to drop another decision. I pick the Sox to win but New Asia has more than a fighting chance to upset if pitcher Chan shows steadiness on the mound.

At 11.30 am the only Senior game of the week finds the SCAA squad playing the U.S. Navy team from the Whitfield County. The sailors showed themselves to be a very weak side all round and SCAA should not even have to raise a sweat to emerge winners.

Double figures?

At 1.45 pm the University nine play the Antelopes and here the score will run to double figures. The soldiers' skipper, Barry Mayfield should raise his batting average a bit against the University's Goodair as Mayfield has literally had his eye on the ball since the season began.

To round off the day the fifth and final Junior game takes place at 3.30 pm when Lee Chee-hong's Overseas will be trying to keep the score down against Yee Jick-fai's Pandas, the only undefeated side in men's softball this year. Yee's boys should make it six in a row.

Incidentally entries are now being invited for the annual International Softball Series due to begin on December 26 and it is hoped that Portugal, China, the Philippines, Pakistan, U.S.A., Great Britain and Japan will take part in the Men's section and Portugal and China in the Women's section.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

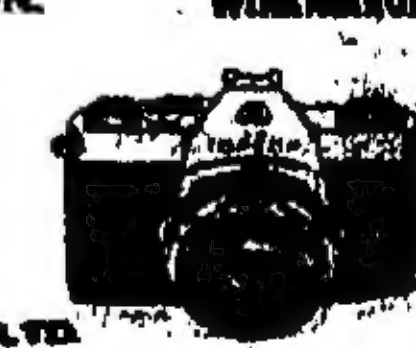
Ex-World champion Mikhail Tal has been a subdued player recently after his crushing defeat by Botvinnik in the title match, but there was a glimpse of his flair for brilliant sacrifices in this game from the European team championship (Tal v. Toran). 1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 Kt-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-Q4, P×P; 4 Kt×P, Kt-KB3; 5 Kt-QB3, P-K3; 6 P-B4, P-QR3; 7 B-K3, QKt-Q2 (better than this passive move is 7 P-QK4); 8 P-KK4; Kt-B4; 9 Q-B3, Q-B2; 10 P-Kt5, Kt-K2; 11 P-QR4, P-QKt3; 12 B-R3, B-Kt2; 13 O-O, Kt×P; 14 Kt×Kt, Kt-B4; 15 Kt×Kt, Kt×Kt (K3); 16 P-B5, Kt-B4; 17 B×Kt, Kt×P; 18 P-B6 (now Black's king is fixed in the centre, and Tal's pieces mass for the kill). P-Kt3; 19 QR-Q1, P-B5; 20 KR-K K-Q1; 21 Kt×P1, B×Kt (if 21... B×Q; 22 Kt×P mate); 22 R×B ch!; 23 Q×B, R-QKt1; 24 Q×BP, R×P; 25 Q-Kt7, R×P (if 25... B-B1; 26 Q-Kt7, R×P; 27 Q-B8 ch, Resigns (27... K-Kt3; 28 R-K8).

Solution No. 6148: 1 Q-B8 (threat 2 Kt-R5), Q×Kt ch; 2 Kt×Q, or 1... Q×Kt (B3); 3 Kt×Q, or 1... Kt×B; 2R-B3, Q×Q.

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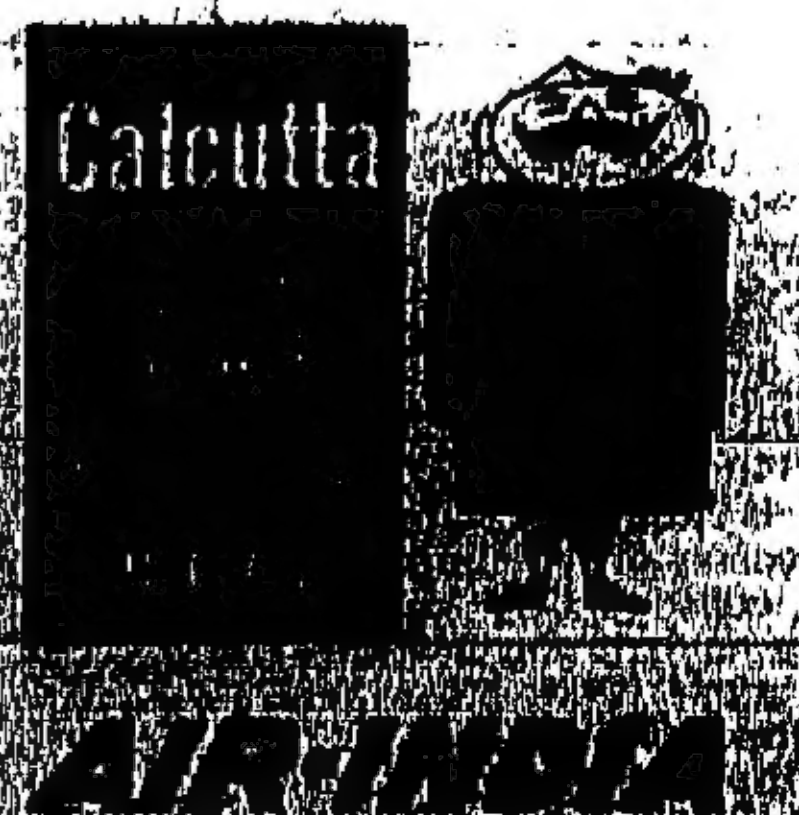
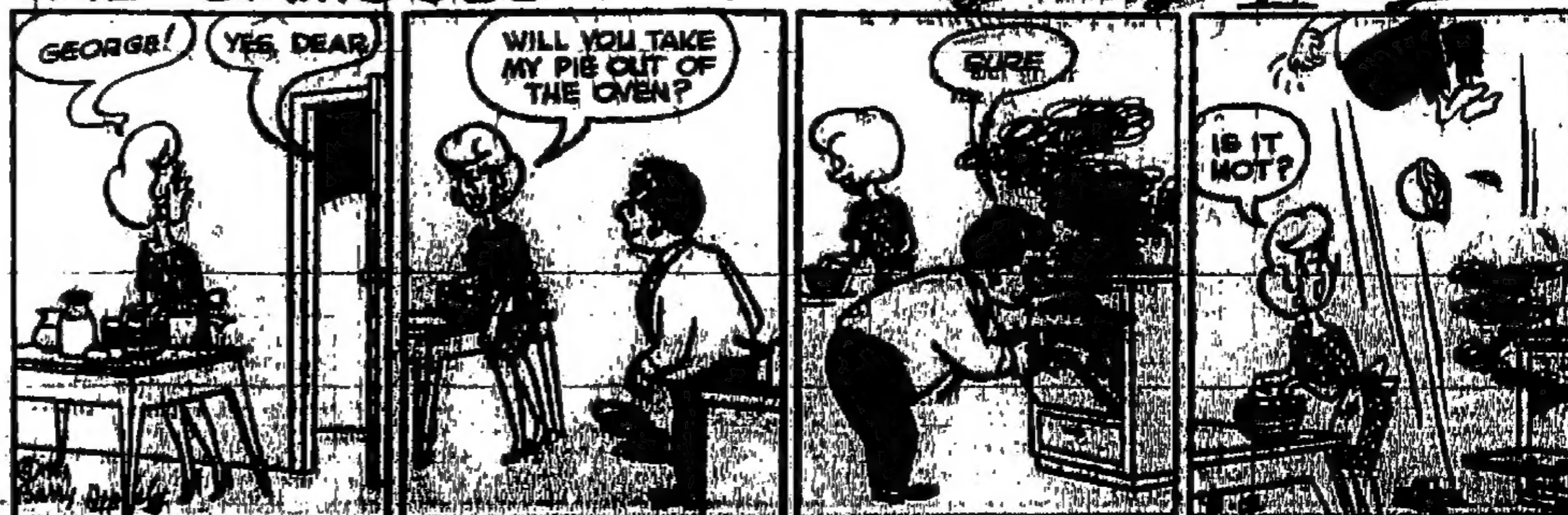
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BRIAN GLANVILLE

Talking Sport

South v North swim battle

There's a palace revolution brewing in the swimming world, where battles between officials and competitors are almost as frequent as in the world of athletics. The object of the revolution is to replace the British team-manager, Mr Austin Rawlinson, with a man from the South. Mr Rawlinson, who is 59, comes from Liverpool.

So the revolutionaries are the members of the Southern Counties Swimming Club. They will have their own way. Their idea is to send a young Southern competitor and a young Northern competitor to the three-quarters of the British team usually comes from the South, it would be best to have a manager who already knows most of them personally.

At the Empire Games at Perth next year, each of the four home countries will be sending a separate team. It is assumed that the Southern representative will feel more at home about an England team, whose representation is sure to be even more strongly Southern.

Beneficial defeat

"I don't think anything did us more good than Coventry beating us by 10 points," said Peter Wright, captain of Blackheath Rugby Club.

"I shook everybody. I don't think they felt depressed, they felt dejected, they didn't want to face anybody. I was able to turn round them and say 'Right, you're coming to train now'. Before that, they might not have taken any notice."

The honest thing is that Wright, after his heroic efforts for Blackheath, should miss their famous victory over Oxford, he was never in Blackheath. The London fifteen if anything, he felt, has been beneficial. "David Stevens, my vice-captain, has been slightly off form, and I think the responsibility brought everything out of him that was good."

"I think the answer to it is that we've had the whole first team training together. It's beginning to pay off. We did a night's work, and I insist the whole fifteen are there on at least one of the nights. Although we've lost a few, we've tried to keep a steady side. I didn't want people to think if they had one bad game they'd be out."

"We are trying hard to attract new players to join now, particularly University players, but University players are going to come down and be regular players. We're trying to get father-aided, too, when we play the minor sides of local

clubs and see good players we try to get them to play for us. I hope that doesn't count as 'take training'. In the past, it's always been a case of 'What can we do for you?' Now, we want you to do something for us."

"We do quite a lot of tactical stuff together, but it all stems from the fact that it's a matter of having anything complicated."

Maseratis back

Maserati Formula 1 cars will be returning to the circuit next year after their protracted absence. I understand

Maserati's intention is not to run a team of their own but to give two or three cars to the Squadra Scuderia Ferrari, as the formula will know.

They were anxious that the cars should be driven by a British racing driver, and Johnnie, but Johnnie has retired, so they are now looking for a young man with BRM.

Dawkins's dilemma

Pete Dawkins, Oxford's American threequarter, is in the process of getting fit for his third Varsity match.

I don't know how many of you who I thought I had told me, "with the amount of time I have". This, despite the fact that I'm not fit at the moment, to be quite frank. Hardly surprising when he has bravely come out of retirement at the Oxford captain's request.

The former West Point football star will lose his degree in PPE next June. I said I was studying to catch up on my work.

I want to get the right feeling on this thing," he said. "It sounds a bit tedious, I think, if you talk in harsh terms. Very simply, the situation is this. I'd come primarily to England not to play Rugby football, which has been not only extremely enjoyable but also extremely beneficial. The point was that I felt that I had been granted three years to spend in

He prefers professional football

David Wilson, the 21-year-old left-half and captain of the Cambridge University Soccer team, enjoys playing with pros rather than amateurs: he had a few games at the beginning of the season with West Ham's A team.

After taking his degree in estate management next June, he probably will come to work with a London building firm, but he has no firm plans at the moment about his football. The prospect of ever actually turning professional would depend on (1) on whether I was good enough, and you can only find that out by playing; (2) whether they'd be prepared to have me.

NO FACILITIES

Wilson comes from Priton-on-Sea, where there's no organised sports facilities for many miles and it's a question of going out on the beach to train. Occasionally I get a couple of small boys to train with me. For a time, he was even basing his programme on the Cerully-Elliott sand-dune methods, but now "to be quite honest, I think that everything should be done with a ball."

The influence in this is Malcolm Allison's. The old West Ham centre-half has this season broken Cambridge's long line of Tottenham coaches: last week he had the satisfaction of seeing them beat a Spurs XI.

"We're very impressed indeed," Wilson says. "Malcolm's prepared to take so much trouble over everything to show exactly what he wants done. He's got everything at his fingertips: facts, figures, the lot. He really goes out of his way to provide us with his time and with his help."

REPRIEVE FOR CROSSAN?

Johnny Crossan, the young Irish inside-forward who was suspended a couple of years ago, may have the suspension revoked at any time.

Mr. Crossan was Peter Doherty, manager of Leinster, who had a great inside-forward line. The same line was also produced by Crossan.

From the Irish point of view, there would be obvious advantages in Crossan's rehabilitation. They desperately need an inside-forward to partner McIlroy. Wednesday's match at Wembley showed, and Crossan has never been playing so brilliantly. He is one of the star forwards of the Standard Liege attack, his club has been drawn to meet Glasgow Rangers in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

Since Crossan was chosen to play against England at Wembley two years ago, when he was already under suspension and had joined Sparta Rotterdam, it is clear that this alone has not been the reason for his exclusion from Ireland's teams. He was, in fact, involved in an incident with an England player, which resulted in having his name taken by the referee. But since a certain expensive Scottish international once

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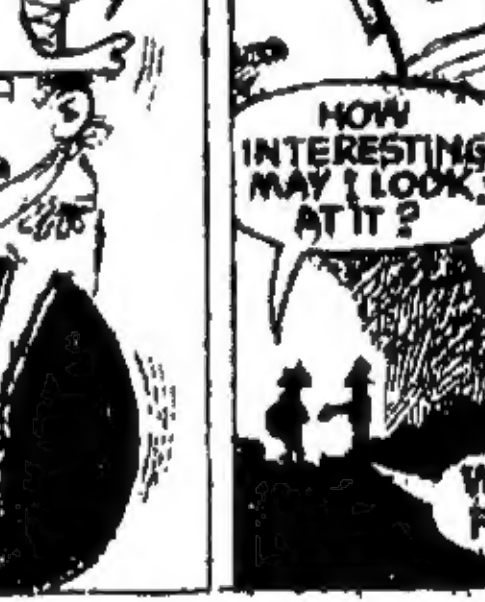
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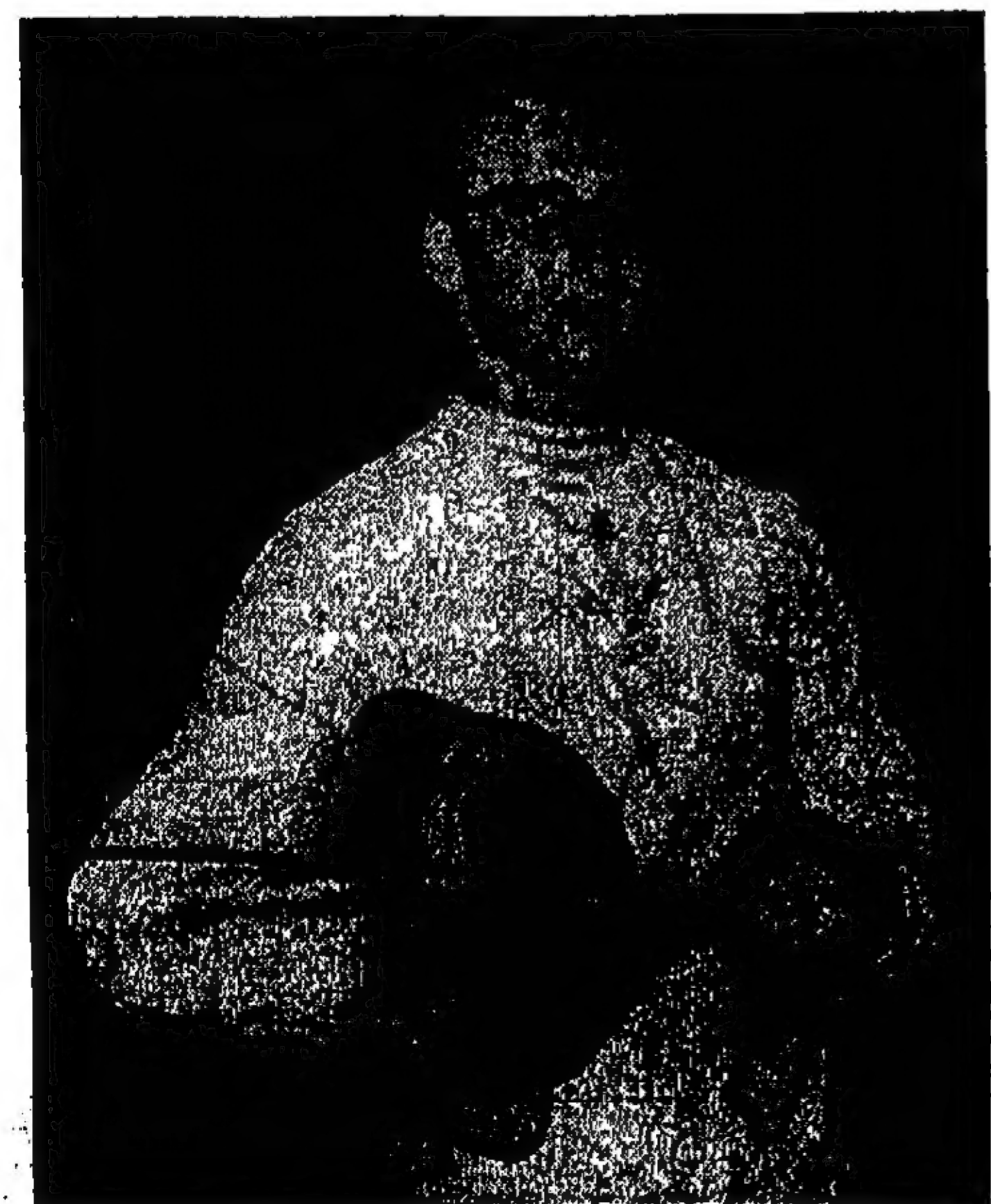
Allan Jay is refreshing: a genuine amateur in this world of broken-time and quasi-professionals.

After a mere three weeks' training, the former world champion fencer, a silver-medallist at the Rome Olympics, is off to Paris on December 9 to take part in the fourth stage of the Challenge Martini. And even these brief weeks have been curtailed by the fact that, last Sunday, "I broke my glasses in a tournament, and very rashly haven't got a second pair."

The Martini is an intriguing and unusual competition; it spreads its leisurely way over five years, of which this is the fourth. Jay, 30 now, busier and busier with his solicitor's practice, is still in second position; Jeno Karnuti, the Hungarian, runner-up in last year's world championships, is first.

First of season

Jay describes it as "a nice, social competition; gala dinners, night clubs, and what have you, which is all very enjoyable—also all the people I know from here and there, which is all very jolly. I've put in three weeks' training just so I don't get knocked out in the first round; and I want to go along to Tokyo, just for the fun of it."



Allan Jay... a genuine amateur.

I've got 12, and I think there's a few with eight, consequently, the one I obviously don't want to see do well is Karnuti, because there's only one more year left.

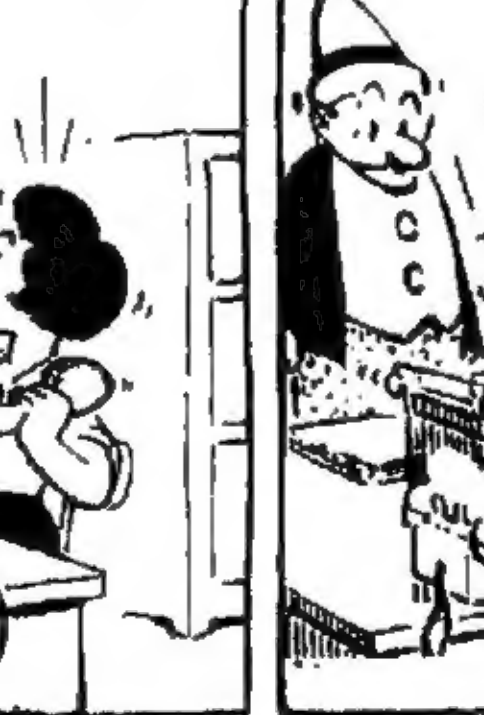
"Fifty-fifty is about our score; I'd say it's anybody's money. You see, the answer is this; form

plays such a colossal part that there's nobody I couldn't beat, and there is nobody who couldn't beat me."

Did he think he'd done sufficient training? I asked. "Of course I haven't! I shall be delighted to get into the last eight."

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THE FLUTTERS

IT'S ALL VERY WELL SAYING CHALLENGE MASTERSHIP TO SOMETHING BUT WHAT CAN I DO ANYTHING...



AND SO, LATER

RIPPING MATCH, HARRY



I KNOW, EVEN AS A BROWNIE SHE HAD A USEFUL DRIBBLE

AOW...



WHAT-NO, SNEECHERS, OLD BEY... YOU BACK, EMP GOOD SHAGGY

SIDNEY

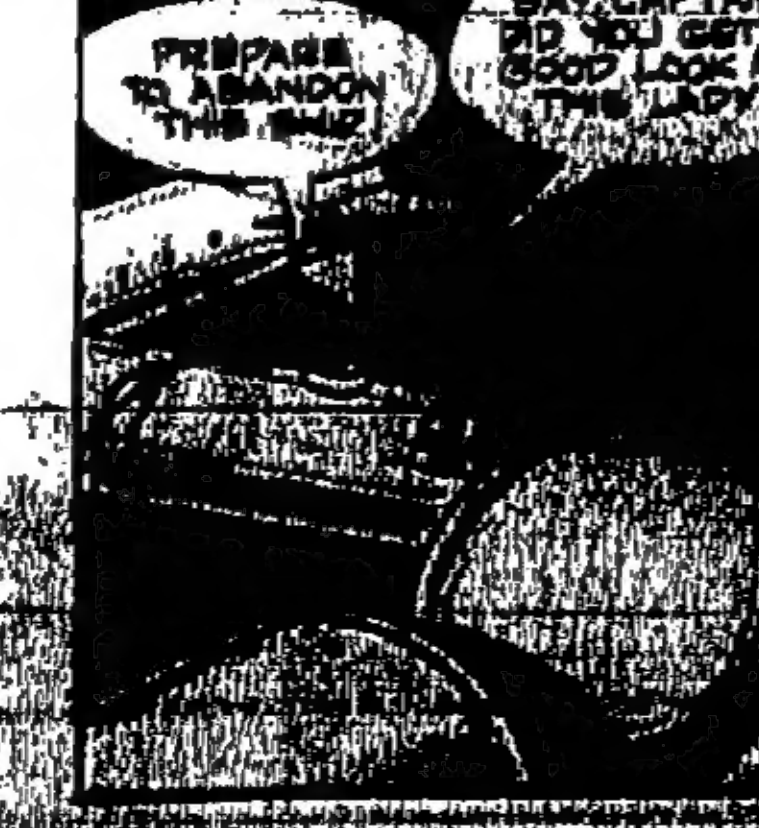


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News from the Gazette

The following postings and
resignations in the Royal Hongkong
Defence Forces were announced in
the Government Gazette today:
Lieutenant J. W. Hayes of the
Hongkong Regiment has been posted
to the Reserve of Officers.
Lieutenant D. I. Bonaventura of the
Reserve of Officers, and Lieutenant
(Sp) P. A. C. Vine of the Hongkong
Royal Navy Reserve have been per-
mitted to resign their commissions.
Lieutenant Commander O. R.
Terville resumed his post as Command-
ing Officer of the Hongkong Royal
Naval Reserve on the resumption of
duty of Commander A. J. Bowden.

Journal recognition has been ac-
cording to Mr. Takashi Tajima as
Lieutenant in the Japanese Navy.

The following eight people have
been granted Certificates of Naturali-
zation under the British Nationality
Act, 1948:

Mr. Ku Chan, known as Michael
Ku, a police sub-inspector of Flat 14,
Park Road Police Married Quarters,
Hongkong.

Mr. Zee Kuo-kwei, known as Kze
Kao-kwei, a company departmental
manager of Flat A-2-2, 11th floor,
Mirador, Munson Nathan Road,
Kowloon.

Mr. Chow Tshui, known as Therese
Marie Chow, a doctor of 8A
Convent Road, 3rd floor, Kowloon.

Mr. Demetrios Thomas Katsen-
opoulos, known as Did Katsenopoulos,
a clerk of 43 Hillwood Road, 1st
floor, Kowloon.

Mr. Liang Kuan-lun, a company
director of 27 Shep Kip Mei Street,
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.

Mr. Mak Kwong-shau, known as
Chian Mai, a general manager of 28D
Holliston Road, ground floor,
Hongkong.

Mrs. Ma Chan-nel, known as
Jeanette Ma, known as Fung-fung, an
office of 70 Kowloon Road, 2nd
floor, Kowloon.

Mr. Antonio Fernando Colares, an
engineer of 603 Waterloo Road, 3th
floor, Kowloon.

Because of nominations were re-
ceived for the election of three Un-
official Justices of the Peace, Mrs.
Jean Vassallo, Mrs. R. Castro, Mrs.
Lorely and Mr. Kwok Lam-pa have
been appointed Members of the
Panel of Electing Justices.

Mr. Kwok Chan and Mr. F. H. Child-
have also been appointed Members
of the Panel.

ADC STANDS IN FOR GOVERNOR

The rehearsal of the fifteenth
annual Police Review was held this
morning at the Hongkong
Government Stadium.
Acting as the Governor, In-
spector B. Eley, the Governor's
ADC, took the salute and was
then escorted by the Commis-
sioner of Police, Mr. H. W. E.
Heath, to inspect the parade.

Identity cards

Holders of identity cards
bearing registration numbers in
the series 330,001 to 340,000 are
now required to re-register with
the Commissioner of Registration
for the issue of new-type
cards.

First with the news...



CHINA MAIL

BIG FIRE AT HK PRODUCTS EXHIBITION PICTURES, STORY

SPECIAL EDITION
TAKE ONE HOME

Late yesterday afternoon, the China Mail was the first newspaper to come out
with a detailed story and picture display of the Hongkong Products Exhibition fire.
Having stop-pressed a brief report in the last edition, the Late Final Extra at 4.30
pm, the China Mail staff then produced a special edition with a completely new front page
which went on sale soon after 6 pm.
Copies of the paper were rushed to hawkers in central areas of the city and
many street sellers reported a brisk sale.
Read the China Mail and be first with the news.

FOKI'S TEMPER COST HIM \$100

Kicked, punched man in a moment of impulse

A shop foki told a magistrate this morning that he kicked a man three
times and punched him "in a moment of impulse."

Fu that, 34-year-old Fong
Wai, of 344 Queen's Road Cen-
tral, was ordered to pay the
victim \$100 for medical treat-
ment and made to sign a bond
of \$500 to control himself for
one year.

Shortly after 9 pm on Wednes-
day, I was then very crowded,
and Fong jumped into the
complaintant Yip Kin-chung
who told him to be more care-
ful.

Fong became angry and
kicked complaintant three times
and punched him. The police
were informed and Fong was
arrested.

At court this morning Fong
asked for a chance saying that
it was his first offence and that
he had acted "in a moment of
impulse."

The complaintant told the
magistrate, Mr. KAS Phillips,
at Central that as a result of
his injury he was still under-
going treatment by a Chinese
herbalist.

He then asked for \$100 com-
pensation.

Banker, wife leave



Sir Kenneth Mealing, Chairman of the Board of the
Mercantile Bank Ltd, and Lady Mealing shown at Kai Tak
Airport this morning before their departure for Kuala Lum-
pur. Sir Kenneth is on his way there to open a new
branch of the bank. He had spent a fortnight in Hongkong.
They were seen off by Mr. W. C. Tai, manager of the local
branch of Mercantile Bank, and Mrs. Tai. — Staff photo-
grapher.

2 youths jailed for punching park groundsman

Two youths who admitted
punching a groundsman of the
Victoria Park were sentenced to
one week's imprisonment, by
Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway
Bay Magistrate's court this morning.

They are Chan Kwong-fai,
18, of 112, Electric Road, first
floor, and Lau Kam-chun, 22,
unemployed of 128, Electric
Road, first floor.

Insp. J. Evans said that the
groundsman, Ng Wo, saw the
defendants playing football on
the grass in the park yesterday
afternoon and asked them not
to play there. They ignored
him at first and later punched
him. Police later caught the
two in a market in Mercury-
street Causeway Bay.

Government appointments gazetted

The following appointments, trans-
fers, promotions and postings were
announced in the Government
Gazette today.

Mr. Lau Pak-fai (referred to as
Senior Executive Officer (Personnel)
Treasury) on the resumption of duty
of Mr. Lau Shiu-yang.

Mr. Yue Shun-kwong, Assistant
Structural Engineer in the Public
Works Department has been ap-
pointed Structural Engineer.
Captain R. A. Carter-Briggs has
been appointed Acting Senior
Veterinary Officer during the ab-
sence of Mr. J. M. Riddell-Swan.

Mr. M. M. Swan, Senior Executive
Officer, Class I, has been appointed
Acting Secretary of the Education
Department in place of Mr. S. B. M.
Whitely.

Mr. C. M. McEwan and Mr. D. J. F.
Fraser have been appointed Senior
Inspectors of Schools and Mr. J. J.
Wang-fai has been appointed In-
spector of Schools.

Mr. Robert Ip Pink-kin has been
appointed a Health Inspector of
Schools while Mr. Cheng Kwok-yun
has been appointed a Health Inspec-
tor of Schools.

Eric John Jansell has been ap-
pointed a Senior Superintendent of
Police on his arrival in the
Colony.

Mr. J. Hanbridge has been ap-
pointed Labour Office (Industrial Un-
der-takings) in place of Mr. E. C. Brown.
Mr. Lau Sik-chung has been ap-
pointed District Registrar of Births
and Deaths, and Mr. Chan Yun-kan
has been appointed a District Registrar.

From the Files

**25
years
AGO**

December 1936

In the Championship Final
of the Kowloon Gold
Club, R. K. Collings was the
winner, defeating K. S.
Robertson by 6 and 4 over
the 36 holes. In the second
round of the Junior Cham-
pionship, W. A. Bland de-
feated E. W. Gardiner by 3
and 2, W. C. Simpson de-
feated F. A. Hill by 6 and 4,
H. C. Borner defeated E. H.
Watts at the nineteenth, C.
G. Andersen defeated W.
Kershaw by 4 and 3.

★ ★ ★

London.
Defeating Snell in the final
in three straight games, 9-4,
9-0, 9-2, Amer. Bey established
a record at the Bath Club to-
day by winning the English
Amateur Squash Rackets
Championship for the fifth
time in succession.

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Man charged with offence against boy

A 41-year-old clerk pleaded
not guilty before Mr. K. A. S.
Phillips at Central Magistrate's
court this morning to a charge of
indecently assaulting a 16-year-
old boy.

Mr. Phillips fixed hearing for
December 22.

The defendant, So Yuk-chun,
of 580 Nathan Road, second
floor, Kowloon, was allowed bail
of \$500.

Detective Inspector Chan Sik-
kwong informed the court that
there would be six witnesses for
the Prosecution.

It is alleged that So committed
the offence at 66 Connaught-
road West, third floor, on
December 3.

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Crown land to be sold

Two lots of Crown Land at
San Po Kong, Kowloon will be
offered for sale at a public
auction to be held at the Crown
Lands and Survey office in the
Central Government Offices on
January 8.

The adjoining lots, New Kow-
loon Inland Lot, 4505 and 4501,
are about 5,750 square feet in
area and are restricted for res-
idential or commercial use
only.

They have an upset price of
\$238,000.

Fighting is reported to have
broken out in Shenai between
the Nanking Government
troops and the rebels under
Chang Hsueh-liang. Nanking
troops are fiercely attacking
Shenai and normal traffic on
the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-
hai Railways is suspended.

Though official confirmation
is lacking, it appears that
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, is
safe. According to Reuters the
Pacification Commissioner for
Shenai persuaded Chang
Hsueh-liang to transfer his
captive, and the former then
announced loyalty to Nanking.
Fighting broke out at once,
but the Marshal is safe and on
his way to Nanking.

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